

**FRANKLIN COUNTY**  
**CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADVISORY BOARD**  
**October 25, 2019**  
**Meeting Minutes**

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| Bob Thomas, Commissioner     | Carol Van Horn, Pres. Judge | Glenda Helman        |
| Marisa Shields               | Casey Bogner                | Christy Unger        |
| Julia Lehman                 | Stacie Horvath              | Steve Nevada         |
| Melyssa Flud                 | Michelle Weller             | Teresa Beckner       |
| Bob Ziobrowski, Commissioner | Douglas Wilburne            | Kati McGrath         |
| Mark Singer                  | Aimee Hutchison             | Angela Stoner        |
| Jody Eyer, MDJ               | Jeff Greesman               | John Thierwechter    |
| James Sourbier               | Kim Eaton                   | Matt Fogal, D.A.     |
| David Keller, Commissioner   | Shawn Meyers, Judge         | Jeremiah Zook, Judge |
| Linda Thomas Worthy          | Ben Cook                    | Laura Kertsetter     |

- I. **Welcome and Introductions** – Judge Van Horn called the meeting to order at 12:02 and welcomed the group.
- II. **Approval of June Minutes** – The August minutes were approved by consensus.
- III. **Old Business:**
  - A. **CJAB Self-Assessment and Strategic Plan 2020 – 2023 Update** – The planning retreat was held on September 19<sup>th</sup> with 22 attendees. Judge Van Horn thanked everyone who had provided survey responses in preparation for the retreat and those who attended. Two documents were distributed to the group prior to today: a draft of the 2020-2023 Strategic Plan and a Strategic Planning Session Summary Report, which included attendee’s written comments, prepared by our Strategic Planning Facilitator, Nancy Dering Mock. Judge Van Horn invited the group to engage in discussion, provide feedback, comments, and suggestions about these documents as the Executive Committee will be developing recommendations during the November meeting. Mark Singer stated the themes from the summary report that stick out to him include programing, resources, collaboration, cooperation, conversation, communication, open discussion, bail, and trust among members. Commissioner Ziobrowski commented that the elephant in the room, as the consultant noted, is lack of trust within the room atmosphere among the group. There is a need to work collaboratively together in order to accomplish the goals of the CJAB. Stacie Horvath noted, in her small group discussion during the retreat, her group identified it may be beneficial to provide an orientation to new members in order to identify the scope of CJAB and the role of its members. Commissioner Thomas discussed cyclical trends of childhood trauma leading to criminogenic behavior and the opportunity CJAB has to break this cycle. Judge Van Horn prompted the group to discuss how the board should handle various goals, such as whether or not some committees should be created, disbanded, if there should be other outlets or agencies to handle various goals. Kati McGrath commented the community has so many resources it is sometimes difficult to be aware of all the programs and services available in the community. It may be beneficial for the CJAB to create a service menu

in order to identify what is needed in the community. Casey Bogner stated DUI's in Franklin County should be noted as a priority. Judge Meyers noted the CJAB's mission is to create a forum of leaders who collaboratively address the immediate and future needs of the county by planning and recommending solutions to best prioritize and integrate criminal justice policies and program planning. Many committees function well and do good work, however many meetings are simply reporting out. There may be a way to be more engaged and have collaborative discussion in order to accomplish more. Judge Meyers stated he has also observed more emphasis on individuals in the system and little to say about victims at all regarding prosecution, punishment and responsibility.

#### **IV. CJAB Office Reports**

- A. CJAB Office Report** – The Justice Mental Health Collaboration Grant funding for the “Get Back Up” program was not awarded to Franklin County. Only 15 projects were awarded nationally the grants were awarded to larger cities. The 2019 JAG BJA funding for the Livescan equipment and Strengthening Families programming was not awarded to Franklin County. The County Jail-Based MAT funding through PCCD was recommended for funding.
- B. PCCD Liaison Report** – See attached.
- C. Public Safety Report** – No Update.
- D. Overdose Task Force Report** – The second Strategic Plan for the next 3 years has been completed. So far in 2019 there have been 20 fatal overdoses, at this time last year there were 32.

#### **V. Committee Reports**

- A. Executive Committee** – The group is discussing the grant application process including the amount of time the committee has to review grant applications and what information is available to review on a potential project to determine if the county should apply. Often the grant application timeline is short and there is little to no opportunity to hold a face to face discussion. The group is exploring how to better receive information to make informed decisions.
- B. Criminal Case Flow Management** – A discussion on Pretrial Policy will be held November 1<sup>st</sup> with Adult Probation, Court Admin, the Public Defender's office, the District Attorney's office, MDJ, and criminal court judges.
- C. Behavioral Health** – The Sequential Intercept Model has been completed and distributed. Many changes have been made in the 2019 update and an additional meeting was held in order to discuss these changes. DUI's were identified as a concern to focus on within this committee. Operation REACH is accepting new referrals for any veteran who needs mental health or substance abuse assistance, or who is in need of transportation, housing, food, etc.
- D. First Contract** – The meeting scheduled for September 20<sup>th</sup> was canceled due to scheduling conflicts. The next committee meeting is scheduled for November 15<sup>th</sup>.
- E. Technology** – The Behavioral Health Universal Release Update is a standing agenda item. Unified Case Management System (UCMS) is no longer used system wide. Discussion continues to be held around the replacement of the Livescan equipment. The machine will continue to

work next year but will no longer be supported by the manufacturer. CCAP has taken ownership of the SAVIN Victim notification service.

- F. Victims Impact** – Marcy’s law will be on the ballot in a few weeks. Victim Impact panels have not been held recently due to scheduling conflicts. The committee is searching for additional speakers.
- G. Juvenile Justice** – Two Youth Court trainings have been completed, there are 21 new trainees. Chambersburg will have a panel next Thursday. The meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup> was canceled due to the holiday and scheduling conflicts. A presentation on SPEP will be held during Children’s Roundtable on October 28<sup>th</sup>, an invitation was extended to this committee. The topic of truancy was discussed during the August meeting in relation to creating education and employment opportunities for youth and how the committee could provide assistance and resources to school districts.
- H. Forensic Initiatives** – Franklin Together provided a Reentry simulation in York on September 30th. There were 12 volunteers who went, 75 attendees to the event. On November 5<sup>th</sup> the group will be providing a reentry simulation to Lycoming College. November 7<sup>th</sup> will be the next Franklin Together Coalition meeting. WIN will be highlighting resources available, Career Link will provide information, Dan Hoover will be discussing the Clean Slate Act, and a returning citizen will be discussing their experience as a member of the LGBTQ+ community in the criminal justice system.

**VI. Announcements** – MDJ Eyer announced there is a proposed amendment to Senate Bill 918 title 42. This would eliminate pre-trial detention for failure to make bail and suggested the group review and be aware of this potential change.

**VII. Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 1:03 PM.

**NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, December 12, 2019

12 Noon

Jury Assembly Room